

CAMPUS LIFE

PRISM at Meredith College Jennifer Cash, Staff Writer

The fall 2010 semester marked the beginning of a new program at Meredith called PRISM, Purposeful Reasoning Inquiry and Scholarship at Meredith. The program is directed by Dr. Tim Hendrix, who says the goals of PRISM are to "identify and improve critical thinking of students, faculty and staff." PRISM isn't just about improving critical thinking in the classroom but also within the daily lives of students outside of class. The initiative is currently working with College Programs to incorporate critical thinking within various organizations on campus such as Student Activities.

PRISM's three main principles are thinking about, thinking within, and thinking beyond. As freshmen, Meredith students can take different PRISM seminars that get students thinking about specific topics and issues. These seminars are geared to challenge students to excel in the classroom, to improve on their critical thinking skills, and to apply what

they've learned to the rest of their lives. Of course, with every new initiative comes expenses, but PRISM hopes to add additional programs over the next five years. This fall, first-year students were able to choose from three PRISM seminars: The Future of Technology, taught by Dr. Barry Koster; Education Under Fire!, taught by Dr. Monica McKinney and Dr. Julie Schrock; and Reflections of Body Image in the Media, taught by Curt Tomczyk. For interested first year students, two more PRISM seminars will be taught in the spring semester. Students can choose from Theater-940: Reflections of Body Image in the Media, taught by Curt Tomczyk or Political Science-949: Thinking about the News, taught by Dr. Clyde Frazier.

As students advance through college, PRISM hopes to encourage thinking within each major. Dr. Hendrix says that PRISM hopes "faculty will infuse courses with critical thinking skills over the next two [to] three years." When students graduate from Meredith, PRISM wants them to take skills learned

from their PRISM experience with them so that they will think beyond the classroom and apply what they have learned to different areas of their lives. As outlined on the PRISM website, the program's goals are that:

"As a result of the PRISM experience students at Meredith will be able to: apply skills of reason, critique and creative thought through reading, writing and speaking, integrate and evaluate knowledge from a variety of sources and disciplines, raise important questions and formulate solutions to complex problems, develop intellectual curiosity by thinking independently and being active in the learning process, practice meta-cognition by analyzing, assessing and reconstructing their ways of thinking and exercise open-mindedness to new ideas and ways of thinking."

To learn more about PRISM, visit www.meredith.edu/prism.

"The Lovely Sansepolcro:" A View from Our Italy Campus Meredith Hyatt, Contributing Writer

Sansepolcro really is a wonderful place to study abroad. The longer I am here, the more I like the town I live in. We have been learning a lot about Sansepolcro and the history of the area in our Italy Today course. The town really does have a rich history.

The founding of Sansepolcro is mostly legend. No one knows if it is really true, but it could be. As the story goes, Sansepolcro was founded by two pilgrims, Egidio and Aranco, who were on their way back from the Holy Land. They had a dream and built an oratory and the town began there. Sansepolcro was originally Santo Sepolcro, which means Holy Sepulchre. Egidio and

Aranco are carved on to the doors of Sansepolcro's cathedral.

As a student in Sansepolcro, I have a regular day to day life and I occupy a lot of my time the same way I would back home. In a typical day, we start classes at 9:00 am. We get our own breakfast from the student kitchen, which is stocked with cereal, bread, jam, Nutella, yoghurt, and other common cold breakfast foods. The first class of the day is Italian. I am taking six hours of Italian. We have been doing intensive Italian since we arrived in Sansepolcro and are going to have it every day for an hour and a half until mid October. Then we will switch to regular Italian. After

Italian, we will have our other classes, some on Tuesday and Thursday and others on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

To read more about Meredith Hyatt's experiences in Sansepolcro, please visit her blog at: <http://www.meredithitaly.blogspot.com/>. And to read about other Meredith students' adventures in Tuscany, visit the Meredith College study abroad travel blogs: <http://www.meredith.edu/abroad/italy/journals/default.htm>.

Campus Announcements

Hiding: North Korean Refugees
A film and discussion presented by Liberty in North Korea (LiNK)
Nov. 10, 7 pm
Ledford 101

"Hiding" is a film about a group of North Korean refugees hiding in China today, and exposes their struggles to survive. The film will be followed by a discussion with "nomads" from the group Liberty in North Korea (LiNK), who travel the country raising awareness about the humanitarian crisis centered in North Korea.

While the world focuses on North Korea's security issue, hundreds of thousands of North Koreans continue to be enslaved in prison camps

today. Up to 300,000 have also escaped to China seeking food, medicine, work, or freedom from political and religious oppression. Among the 300,000, 70 to 90 percent of North Korean women are trafficked and sold into the sex trade, and more and more refugees are fleeing to Southeast Asia to escape imprisonment upon repatriation by China.

Contact Hilary Smith for further details (smithhil@meredith.edu)

Announcement from SGA Senate: Senate is the branch of the Student Government Association that oversees on campus organizations. As part of their responsibilities, Senate reviews organizations to see if they are active

on campus. The following organizations are at risk for being declared inactive, and therefore no longer be official organizations, by SGA Senate

Wild at Heart: Wild at Heart Animal Interest Club is open to every student with an interest in animals. This club will combine the biological aspect of animals along with the psychological aspect of animal behavior. Members are exposed to the many opportunities Raleigh offers for working with animals accomplished through guest speakers, volunteering in the community, taking trips to local zoos, wildlife rehabilitation hospitals, research facilities, and the vet school, and raising money to

Upcoming Events

gathered by Kristen Gallagher

October 27 - 7 pm, Volleyball Game: Meredith v Peace, Weatherspoon Gym

October 28 - 4:15-6, Trick or Trot

October 29 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm, Guest Recital: Joseph Pecoraro, guitarist
-Carswell Concert Hall

October 29 - 8pm - 11 pm, Meredith and a Movie: Despicable Me

October 30 - 9:00am - 5:00pm, Guitar Masterclass: Joseph Pecoraro, 106 Wainwright

October 31- Halloween

October 31 -3:00pm - 4:30pm, Meredith Choral Concert, Jones Chapel

November 1- 10am-noon, Drop in Resume Clinic, ACP

November 1 - Meredith Study Abroad Application Deadline

CORNHUSKIN' EVENTS

November 1 - 10pm, Big Sis/ Lil' Sis Bonfire & MRA Scavenger Hunt

November 2 - 10pm, President's Raid

November 3 - 4pm, Can Art

November 5 - Cornhuskin', 3:30pm

Parade, 4:30pm Picnic, 6pm Corn!, 11pm Afterparty

sponsor an endangered animal chosen by the club.

IMPACT: IMPACT Serves as a coordinating body for Meredith service projects and serves all student organizations. Provides a forum for student organizations to collaborate on projects and for students to come together to plan service projects and activities for the campus. If you are interested in reviving one of these organizations, please contact Jennifer Prince, SGA Vice President and Senate Chair, at senate@email.meredith.edu

Want your department's event featured in The Herald?
Email the details to herald@email.meredith.edu